

15 June 1832.



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To restrain in certain cases Party Processions in Ireland.

[Note.—The Words printed in *Italics* are proposed to be inserted
in the Committee.]

W **H** **E** **R** **E** **E** **S** great numbers of Persons belonging to different Preamble.

Religious Denominations, and distinguished respectively by
various Emblems expressive of party feelings and differences, are in
the practice of meeting and marching in Procession in Ireland, upon cer-
tain Festivals and Anniversaries, and other occasions; and such Proce-
sions are calculated to create and perpetuate Animosities, and have been
found to occasion frequent and sanguinary Conflicts between different
classes of His Majesty's Subjects; FOR prevention whereof, and in order
to guard against the recurrence of the Tumults, Riots and Disorders
arising out of such Processions; **W** **E** **I** **T** **E** **N** **A** **C** **T** **E** **D**, by The KING's
most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the
Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament
assembled, and by the Authority of the same, THAT from and after
the commencement of this Act, any Body of Persons who shall meet
and parade together, or join in Procession, for the purpose of celebrat-
ing or commemorating any Festival, Anniversary or Political Event
relating to or connected with any Religious distinctions or differences
between any classes of His Majesty's Subjects, or of demonstrating
any such Religious distinction or difference, and who shall bear, wear, or
have amongst them any Firearms or other offensive Weapon, or any
Banner, Emblem, Flag or Symbol, the display whereof may be calcu-
lated or tend to provoke animosity between His Majesty's Subjects of

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different Religious Persuasions, or who shall be accompanied by any Music of a like nature or tendency, shall be and be deemed an unlawful Assembly, and every Person present thereto shall be and be deemed to be guilty of a *Misdemeanor*, and shall upon Conviction thereof be liable to be punished accordingly.

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Justice to
disperse such
Assemblies or
Processions.

And be it Enacted, That any Justice or Justices of the Peace shall and may proceed, with such assistance as shall be necessary, to the place where any Procession or Meeting of Persons hereby declared to be unlawful shall be held or take place, and such Justice or one of such Justices, or some other Person by their or his order, shall then 10 and there read or repeat aloud to the persons so assembled a Command or Notice to disperse, in the words or to the effect following (that is to say) " Our Sovereign Lord the King chargeth and commandeth all " Persons being here assembled, immediately to disperse themselves, " and peaceably to depart, upon the pains contained in the Act made 15 " in the year of the reign of King WILLIAM the Fourth, " to restrain in certain cases Party Processions in Ireland."

Persons refus-
ing to dis-
perse, to be
apprehended
and punished.

And be it Enacted, That the Persons so met and assembled together shall forthwith disperse and depart; and in case any one or more of the Persons so met or assembled together as aforesaid shall not disperse 20 and depart within the space of *One Quarter of an Hour* from the time of such Notice or Command being given, it shall be lawful for the same Justice or Justices who shall have read such Command or Notice, or any other Justice or Justices of the Peace, to cause the Person or Persons so refusing or neglecting to disperse or depart to be apprehended 25 by a Warrant for that purpose, to be signed by him or them; and such Offender or Offenders shall thereupon be proceeded against in a summary way for such Offence before any *Two Justices* of the Peace before whom he or they may be brought, and such Justices are hereby authorized to hear and determine the said Complaint; and every Person 30 being convicted thereof, on the Oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, shall be committed to any one of His Majesty's common Gaols or Prisons in Ireland for the term of *One calendar Month*, and for a second or any subsequent Offence against the Provisions of this Act, for the term of *Three calendar Months*.

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Extension
and duration
of this Act.

And be it Enacted, That this Act shall extend only to that part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called Ireland, and to be and continue and remain in force for *Five Years* from the passing thereof, and thenceforth until the *End of the then next Session of Parliament*, and no longer.

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